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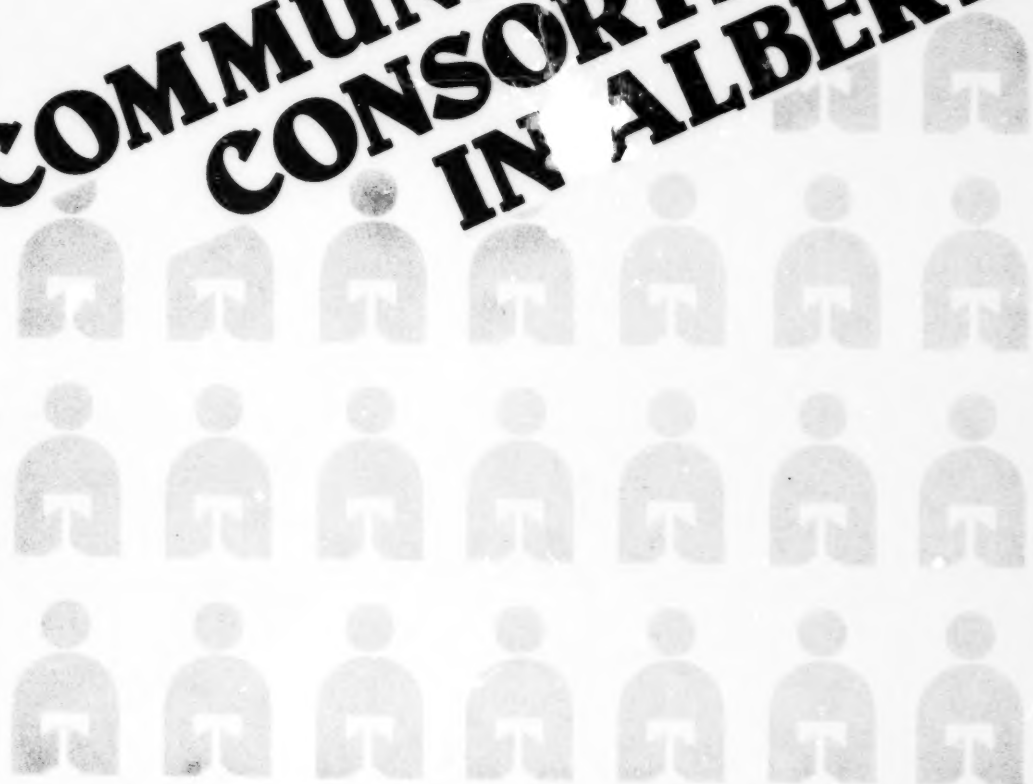

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COMMUNITY CONSORTIA IN ALBERTA

OVERVIEW

In June of 1980, the Government of Alberta established a number of Community Consortia in Alberta. The Community Consortia are voluntary associations of post-secondary institutions and agencies who cooperate with each other and the local community to provide credit programs to local residents. They were established in five areas of the Province that are not in close proximity to an existing post-secondary institution.

Colleges, universities, technical institutes, vocational centres and agencies such as ACCESS participate in delivering credit programs in the following centres and surrounding regions:

Big Country Educational Consortium: Drumheller, Hanna, Oyen, Youngstown, Stettler, Coronation, Trochu, and Strathmore

Chinook Educational Consortium: Crowsnest Pass, Pincher Creek

North Peace Adult Education Consortium: Peace River, Dixonville, McLennan, Falher, Manning

Pembina Educational Consortium: Drayton Valley, Entwhistle

Yellowhead Region Educational Consortium: Hinton, Edson, Jasper, Grande Cache

Each Consortium offers programming to meet needs unique to its location. As well, programs such as academic upgrading, business administration, clerk typist/secretarial sciences, early childhood development and trades-related updating or upgrading are offered. For those students who are not able to commit themselves to a full program, some credit courses may be available.

In the 1983-84 programming year there were 1,613 students registered in the Community Consortia credit programs offered across the Province. The total credit course enrolment in all credit programs was 5,159 students.

Programs are delivered in a variety of facilities. The Community Consortia coordinators arrange for the required leased office and classroom space in their main centres.

As required, arrangements may be made with the local high schools or churches to acquire additional classroom space and sites may have to be located if trades upgrading or updating programs are offered.

GOVERNANCE

Each Community Consortium is served by a Regional Advisory Committee, comprised of between 10 and 20 community volunteers. These citizens represent the various social, educational, business and cultural interests of the communities and regions served. It is their role to provide philosophical, programming, budgetary and manpower information and advice to the Board of Directors.

Each Community Consortium is governed by a Board of Directors, composed of the Presidents of the participating educational institutions or their designates and representatives from the Regional Advisory Committee. The Board is responsible for establishing the terms of reference governing the overall operation of the Community Consortium. The Board also makes decisions pertaining to the disbursement of any funds allocated to the Community Consortium from all sources.

One of the participating institutions serves as an Administrative Agent for each Community Consortium. The Administrative Agent, who administers financial and legal affairs on behalf of the Consortium Board of Directors, maintains appropriate financial records, and is the legal owner of any furnishings, equipment or other property of the Consortium. The Administrative Agent is accountable to the Board of Directors and the Department for the expenditure of funds.

At each Community Consortium site, a Coordinator works with his administrative staff, as the facilitator of program delivery in the area. He is responsive to the Regional Advisory Committee's recommendations as to their perception (usually based on needs assessment) of regional programming interest. The Coordinator is also an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and maintains close contact with the Department.

PROGRAM PLANNING

A key activity of the Regional Advisory Committee is to identify those programs that the community requires. The Coordinator works closely with the Regional Advisory Committee in this needs identification activity and discusses the program requests with the institutions. For each Community Consortium, a Program Committee has been established. This committee, which includes representatives from the program staff of participating institutions, determines institutional programs which can respond to identified needs, provides advice and recommendations as to the timing and sequencing of programs and courses and identifies operating and instructional equipment requirements.

Together, these parties develop an annual Community Consortium Program Plan. The plan is reviewed by the Regional Advisory Committee and programs are priorized according to the

perception of the Committee of community need and demand. This priorized list is reviewed by the Board of Directors and submitted as a Community Consortium Program Plan to the Department. Program grants are provided on the condition that a minimum number of students (usually 10) register in each program.

The Community Consortia Program Grant provides funds for credit programs that have been approved under the terms and conditions of the Program Coordination Policy. These programs must lead to a degree, diploma or certificate.

Short-term employment-related programs which culminate in a certificate being awarded by a participating institution or a licencing body, also qualify for grants.

Some funds may also be approved for credit courses if the courses are linked to a credit program of the delivering institution and are articulated in a plan that allows for the winding down of a credit program whose approval term has expired. Credit courses that extend the range of electives in the existing program or are to be delivered in a new location may be approved. In addition, non-credit courses supported by Further Education Services, Alberta Advanced Education and individual courses offered by institutions through their Continuing Education Departments are provided at each Community Consortium site.

The Community Consortia provide for the General Education Development (GED) examinations to occur and may be involved in other community service activities, such as educational cable consortia.

FUNDING

The majority of funds provided to the Community Consortia originate from Alberta Advanced Education in the form of an administrative grant and a program grant.

The Administrative Grant is used to fund the daily operations at the Community Consortia sites; to provide for lease costs, renovations, administrative salaries, furnishings, and other administrative costs.

The Program Grant provides funds for credit programs. These funds are distributed as conditional grants to the institutions providing the programs, on a cost accounting basis. In addition to funding credit programs, this grant has provided a limited amount of money to support high demand credit courses.

These two funds will be contributing $3,579,065 to the Community Consortia in 1984-85, to provide post-secondary educational opportunities to residents in the Community Consortia locations.

Students registering in Community Consortia programs are considered to be the delivering institution's students and they pay tuition fees to the institution providing their program of study. They also may apply to the Students Finance Board for financial assistance.

The contribution of Alberta's post-secondary institutions towards the success of the Community Consortia cannot be over-emphasized. The voluntary participation of the institutions' chief executive officers at policy-making Board meetings and staff participation in program planning enhances the ability of the Government of Alberta to focus on regional expansion in the provision of credit programming in Alberta. The Community Consortia provide a unique opportunity for volunteers from the private sector as well. In their interactions with representatives from the government and the universities, colleges and technical institutions, community participants have direct input into the process of determining local training and educational needs.

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ACTIVITIES

BIG COUNTRY EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM

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The Big Country Educational Consortium is composed of eight post-secondary educational institutions which work with community residents to provide community based adult education throughout the Big Country area. These institutions include Olds College, Red Deer College, Medicine Hat College, Mount Royal College, the University of Calgary, Athabasca University, SAIT and AVC-Calgary. The Consortium first received funding for educational programming in July 1982.

1983/84 Programming

Programming in 1983/84 included Academic Upgrading in mathematics and English, (Alberta Vocational Centre), Business Administration (Mount Royal College), Agricultural Mechanics (Olds College), Secretarial Arts (Olds College), Business Administration (Red Deer College), Secretarial Refresher (Olds College), Nursing Refresher (Grant MacEwan Community College) and Heavy Duty Equipment Operator (Keyano College/Olds College).

In addition to these programs, individual credit and non-credit courses were teleconferenced throughout the Big Country area by the University of Calgary and the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT).

In total there were 1,220 credit course enrolments in Drumheller, Stettler, Oyen, Coronation, Hanna, Trochu, Strathmore and Youngstown during the reporting year. A total of 330 students registered in twelve programs.

The Big Country Educational Consortium acts as the designated hosting authority for the Drumheller and District Further Education Council and provides organizational direction as requested. As well as cooperating in joint advertising ventures with this Council and the Big Country (Oyen) and Paint Earth (Coronation) Further Education Councils, the Big Country Educational Consortium cooperated in the planning and administration of a needs assessment survey with the Three Hills Further Education Council and the Drumheller and District, Paint Earth and Wheatland (Strathmore) Further Education Councils. The

Big Country Further Education Council coordinates the Consortia programming in the Oyen area and the Wheatland Further Education Council has cooperated with the Big Country Consortium to establish a teleconference centre in Strathmore. The Hanna Further Education Council maintains an informal linkage with this Community Consortium as well.

1984/85 Credit Programming

The following credit programs are planned for delivery through the Big Country Educational Consortium in the 1984/85 year:

Program	Location	Institution
Business Admin. Diploma	Drumheller	Mount Royal College
Agricultural Production Diploma	Hanna	Olds College
Secretarial Arts Cert.	Drumheller	Olds College
University Transfer	Stettler	Red Deer College
Early Child. Dev. Diploma	Drumheller	Red Deer College
Business Admin. Diploma	Stettler	Red Deer College
Academic Upgrading	Drumheller, Coronation	AVC Calgary
Reg. Nursing Asst. Cert.	Hanna	AVC Calgary

Big Country: Board of Directors

Chairman: Dan Cornish; Members: Don Baker, Marsun Lipsit, Fred Speckeen, Bert Strain, Shirley McClellan, Anne Herman, Ed Luterbach, Ray Jewison, Iwan Saunders, Joyce Robinson, Chuck J. Meagher, Al Whittall, Dave Jones, Brent Pickard, and James Ramsbottom.

Big Country: Regional Advisory Committee

Chairman: James Ramsbottom; Members: Jean Cammaert, Shirley McClellan, Stan Schumacher, Joan Cunningham, Russell Horvey, Hugh Bodmer, Jack Gorman, Dene Hymas, Anne Herman, Riley Workman, and Bert Strain.

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The Chinook Educational Consortium has as its member institutions the University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge Community College, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Alberta Vocational Centre - Calgary, and Athabasca University. The Consortium houses its main offices and classrooms in leased, downtown Blairmore facilities. Crowsnest Pass (Blairmore) and Pincher Creek are the two main centres through which programs are delivered in the area.

1983/84 Programming

In total, there were 439 credit course enrolments in the Chinook region during 1983/84. A total of 161 students were registered in the following credit programs: Academic Upgrading, Commercial Clerk/Typist, Secretarial Science, Registered Nursing Assistant, Building Service Worker, Business Administration, Education, University Transfer, and Nursing Refresher. The Consortium emphasizes distance delivery via new technologies whenever practical. Computer Managed Learning (CML) provides the backbone for Academic Upgrading with computer links to Lethbridge Community College. Plans are to expand CML to other programs.

The Crowsnest Pass and Pincher Creek Further Education Councils organize the delivery of non-credit computer courses through the Chinook Educational Consortium, sharing both the facilities and equipment available at the Consortium site.

1984/85 Credit Programming

The following credit programs are to be delivered in the 1984/85 program year:

Program	Location	Institution
Academic Upgrading	Pincher Creek, Crowsnest Pass	Lethbridge Community College
Business Admin. Cert.	Pincher Creek, Crowsnest Pass	Lethbridge Community College
Secretarial Science Certificate/Diploma	Crowsnest Pass, Pincher Creek	Lethbridge Community College
University Program (Nursing)	Crowsnest Pass, Pincher Creek	University of Lethbridge
Registered Nursing Assistant Certificate	Pincher Creek, Crowsnest Pass	AVC Calgary
Bldg. Service Worker Cert.	Pincher Creek	AVC Calgary
Education Diploma	Pincher Creek, Crowsnest Pass	University of Lethbridge
Trades Updating	Pincher Creek, Crowsnest Pass	SAIT, Lethbridge Community College

Chinook: Board of Directors

Chairman: Les Talbot; Members: Fred Speckeen, Ray Jewison, Chuck McCleary, Joyce Robinson, Rick Matheson, Allen Wilcke, Kay Kerr, and Brent Pickard.

Chinook: Regional Advisory Committee

Chairman: Rick Matheson; Members: Bev Thornton, Barb Townsend, Csaba Lorinczi, Allen Wilcke, Ed Hamel, Vi Brazzoni, Kay Kerr, Joan Cowley, Nick Alvau, Jerry Rejman, Eric Williams, John Jenson, Janice Rullan, Fritz Wuth, and Ron Mitchell.

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The North Peace Adult Education Consortium, established in 1978 in Peace River, was the first of its kind in Alberta. Local demands for educational opportunities in the area resulted in the formation of the Community Consortium. Grande Prairie Regional College, Fairview College, Alberta Vocational Centre - Grouard, Athabasca University, the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary cooperated with ACCESS Alberta and the local residents to provide for program delivery in Dixonville, Fahler, Manning, McLennan, Peace River, and the surrounding region.

1983/84 Programming

For the 1983-84 year, there were 1,314 credit course enrolments in Peace River. A total of 332 students registered in credit programs which included Academic Upgrading, Vocational Training Clerk-Typist/Secretarial, Business Administration, Visual Arts, Administrative Studies, Master of Education Diploma, Library Arts, High School Diploma, Early Childhood Development, Pre-Employment Auto Body, Social Work, Building Operator "B" Certificate, Floral Design and Business Education. The following Institutions were responsible for program and course delivery: Fairview College, Grande Prairie Regional College, Alberta Vocational Centre - Grouard, Athabasca University, University of Calgary, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology and the University of Alberta.

The Adult Education Centre facilities were also used by the Peace River and District Further Education Council and other community organizations to offer many additional non-credit courses. The North Peace Adult Education Consortium acts as the designated hosting authority to the Peace River and District Further Education Council as well as the Manning and District and Grimshaw/Berwyn Further Education Councils. The Consortium also maintains a friendly relationship with the Smokey River Further Education Council.

1984/85 Credit Programming

The North Peace Adult Education Consortium is planning for the delivery of the following credit programs in the North Peace region:

Program	Location	Institution
Clerk Typist Certificate	Peace River	Fairview College
Adult Upgrading & Expansion	Peace River	Fairview College
Admin. Studies Certificate	Fahler, Manning, Peace River	Grande Prairie Regional College
Business Education Cert.	McLennan	AVC-Grouard
Pre-Empl. Trades Cert.	Peace River	Fairview College
Bachelor of Administration	Peace River, Fahler, Manning	Athabasca University
Visual Arts Certificate	Peace River, Manning	Grande Prairie Regional College
Credit Courses	Peace River, Manning, Fahler	SAIT, University of Calgary, Grande Prairie Regional College
Adult Upgrading/Vocational Training Certificate	Manning, Dixonville	Fairview College

North Peace: Board of Directors

Chairman: Mr. Chris Rochon; Members: Neil Clarke, Dorothy Rowles, Fred Dumont, Iain Taylor, Michael Plumb, C. Lockwood, Harold Wynne, and Brent Pickard.

North Peace: Regional Advisory Committee

Chairman: Vacant; Members: Dave VanTamelen, Elsie Gurela, Linda Beltrano, Lynn Langlois, Donna Ciurysek, Chris Rochon, Hubert Dechant, Birgit Sorenson, Betty Ann Schur, Paul McKenna.

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The Pembina Educational Consortium includes the following member institutions: ACCESS Alberta, The Alberta Petroleum Industry Training Centre, Alberta Vocational Centre - Edmonton, Athabasca University, Grant MacEwan Community College, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, The University of Alberta, and Westerra Institute of Technology. This Community Consortium serves the region from the Pembina Educational Consortium facilities in Drayton Valley.

1983/84 Programming

Programs were offered in areas such as Academic Upgrading, General Administration, Early Childhood Development, Oilfield Training, Employment Related Technical Updating and University Degree Courses. In the 1983-84 year, a total of 366 students were registered in the programs noted above yielding a total of 546 course enrolments.

The Pembina Educational Consortium facilities are shared by the Powerhouse Further Education Council, where an office and secretarial services are available to them. This council and other community organizations also offer a broad range of non-credit courses. The Powerhouse Further Education Council participated in the planning and development of a needs assessment survey for the area. The Pembina Educational Consortium also maintains a friendly relationship with the Leduc Further Education Council.

During 1983-84, credit courses were extended to Entwistle, the first regional offering away from the Drayton Valley Centre. There was also a significant expansion of the Learning Resource Centre at the Pembina Educational Consortium.

1984/85 Credit Programming

The following credit programs are to be delivered through the Pembina Educational Consortium in the 1984/85 year:

Program	Location	Institution
Power Eng.-3rd Class Cert.	Drayton Valley	N.A.I.T.
Power Eng.-4th Class Cert.	Drayton Valley	N.A.I.T.
Early Child. Dev. Diploma	Drayton Valley	Grant MacEwan Community College

Program	Location	Institution
General Administration Certificate	Drayton Valley, Entwhistle	Grant MacEwan Community College
Academic Upgrading	Drayton Valley, Entwhistle	AVC Edmonton
Oilfield Trades Updating Certificate	Drayton Valley	A.P.I.T.C.
Early Child. Ed. Diploma	Drayton Valley	University of Alberta
Technology Updating Cert.	Drayton Valley	N.A.I.T.

Pembina: Board of Directors

Chairman: E. C. (Dene) Meraw; Members: Michael Andrews, William Sokolik, Fred Williamson, Stephen Griew, Iain Taylor, C. J. Frankovich, Gerry Wright, Peter Senchuk, Chuck Shobe, Howard Pearson, Joseph MacLellan, Jack Cooper, Brent Pickard, J. Alan Day, Nevis La Branche, and Bill Forbes.

Pembina: Regional Advisory Committee

Chairman: E. C. (Dene) Meraw; Vice-Chairman: J. Alan Day; Members: Howard Pearson, Wendy Gould, Brenda Maddock, Joan Duckett, Jenny Harris, Betty McGee, Nevis La Branche, Betty Bouchard, and Marjorie Bilar.

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The Yellowhead Region Educational Consortium serves the towns of Hinton, Jasper, Edson, Grande Cache and the surrounding region. It is an association of institutions including Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Forestry Technology School (Hinton), Grant MacEwan Community College, Grande Prairie Regional College, Athabasca University, the University of Alberta, Alberta Vocational Centre - Edmonton, ACCESS Alberta, and Westerra Institute of Technology.

1983/84 Programming

The Yellowhead Region Educational Consortium and NAIT continued to investigate the program implications of the coal industry development in the Hinton - Edson region. Programming in 1983-84 included Academic Upgrading, Business Education, Business Administration, Early Childhood Development, Visual and Performing Arts, university degree courses and trades-related programs. In total there were 1,640 credit course enrolments during the year in Hinton, Edson, Grande Cache and Jasper. A total of 424 students were registered in the credit programs offered by the Consortium.

The Yellowhead Region Educational Consortium is an active member of the Hinton Further Education Council. It also shares office space with the Further Education Councils in Edson and Grande Cache. The Consortium provides administrative advertising for the Jasper, Edson, Hinton and Grande Cache Further Education Councils in it's programming brochures and shares information regarding credit and non-credit programming in each of these areas. Wherever possible, the joint use of facilities for programs is encouraged.

1984/85 Credit Programming

The Yellowhead Consortium is coordinating the delivery of the following credit programs in 1984/85:

Program	Location	Institution
Trades Related Updating	Hinton, Edson, Jasper, Grande Cache	N.A.I.T.
General Administration Certificate	Hinton, Edson, Jasper	Grant MacEwan Community College
Early Childhood Development Diploma	Edson, Hinton	Grant MacEwan Community College

Program	Location	Institution
Early Childhood Development Diploma	Grande Cache	Grande Prairie Regional College
Clerk Typist Certificate	Hinton, Edson	AVC Edmonton
Academic Upgrading	Hinton	AVC Edmonton
Academic Upgrading (evening)	Hinton, Edson, Jasper, Grande Cache	AVC Edmonton
Clerk Typist (evening) Certificate	Hinton, Edson, Jasper	AVC Edmonton
Correctional Services	Grande Cache	Grant MacEwan Community College
Office Administration Certificate	Grande Cache	Grande Prairie Regional College
Academic Upgrading	Edson, Grande Cache	AVC Edmonton
Credit Courses	Hinton, Grande Cache	Grant MacEwan Community College/ Grande Prairie Regional College

Yellowhead: Board of Directors

Chairman: Judge Michael Porter; Members: Stan Souch, Michael Plumb, Gerald Kelly, Bernie Simpson, Michael Andrews, Dorothy Rowles, Iain Taylor, Barry Breadner, Howie Johnston, Jo-Ann Allan, Jack Pleckaitis, Jack Cooper, Brent Pickard, Karen Anderson, Neil Durrant, and Charles Lockwood.

Yellowhead: Regional Advisory Committee (Yellowhead Regional Education Society)

Chairman: Judge Michael Porter; Members: Tak Hayashi, Gordon Tocher, Pat Jobb, Howie Johnston, Barb Mergaert, Karen Anderson, Jo-Ann Allan, Alan Box, and Neil Durrant.